

Proposed Amendments to the Claims:

Applicant submits this listing of proposed claims for replacing all prior versions and listings of claims in the application upon consideration and acceptance by the Examiner.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Amended) A tree trimmer comprising,
a means of transportation,
a swing frame swingably connected about a substantially vertical axis on the means of transportation,
~~a arm backhoe boom~~ pivotally connected about a substantially horizontal axis on the swing frame,
a telescoping boom connected with the ~~arm backhoe boom~~,
means of detachably connecting the telescoping boom with the ~~arm backhoe boom~~,
and
cutting means mounted about a first end of the telescoping boom.
2. Canceled.
3. (Withdrawn) The tree trimmer according to claim 1 wherein the means of connecting the telescoping boom with the arm is adapted and arranged to prevent relative pivotal movement between the boom and the arm.
4. (Withdrawn) The tree trimmer according to claim 1 wherein the means of detachably connecting the telescoping boom with the arm comprises a boom support having a telescoping boom receiving portion, a first connecting point adapted and arranged to connect with a first site on the arm by a first fastening means and a second connecting

point adapted and arranged to connect with a second site on the arm by a second fastening means.

5. (Withdrawn) The tree trimmer according to claim 1 further comprising a first reel

and a second reel, wherein the first reel is substantially adjacent to a first side of the

telescoping boom and the second reel is substantially adjacent to a second side of the

telescoping boom.

6. (Withdrawn) The tree trimmer according to claim 1 wherein the means of

detachably connecting the telescoping boom with the arm comprises a boom support

having a top side for receiving the telescoping boom, a front end and a rear end opposite

the front end, the rear end being in close proximity to a second end of the telescoping

boom.

7. (Withdrawn) The tree trimmer according to claim 1 wherein the means of

transportation includes a hydraulic power system integral therewith.

8. (Withdrawn) The tree trimmer according to claim 7 further comprising a first

hydraulic motor operatively connected with the hydraulic power system and the cutting

means.

9. (Withdrawn) The tree trimmer according to claim 7 wherein the telescoping boom

and cutting means are hydraulically manipulated with a set of controls that are integral

with the means of transportation.

10. (Withdrawn) The tree trimmer according to claim 7 further comprising a set of

controls integral with the means of transportation wherein the set of controls are

operatively connected with the cutting means and adapted and arranged to impart cutting

motion to the cutting means.

11. (Withdrawn) The tree trimmer according to claim 7 wherein the telescoping boom comprises at least two telescopic members.
12. (Withdrawn) The tree trimmer according to claim 11 further comprising a second hydraulic motor operatively connected with the hydraulic power system and the telescoping boom for imparting boom extending and boom retracting movements to the telescopic members.
13. (Withdrawn) The tree trimmer according to claim 12 further comprising a set of controls integral with the means of transportation wherein the set of controls are operatively connected with the telescoping boom and adapted and arranged to impart boom extending and boom retracting movement to the telescopic members.
14. (Withdrawn) The tree trimmer according to claim 7 further comprising at least one reel including conduit, the conduit being operatively connected with the hydraulic power system and a second hydraulic motor.
15. (Withdrawn) The tree trimmer according to claim 14 further comprising at least one roller in connection with the conduit.
16. (Withdrawn) The tree trimmer according to claim 6 wherein the boom support comprises a first mounting piece connected therewith in close proximity to the front end, the first mounting piece being adapted and arranged to connect with the arm.
17. (Withdrawn) The tree trimmer according to claim 6 wherein the boom support comprises a second mounting piece connected therewith and in close proximity to the rear end, the second mounting piece being adapted and arranged to connect with the arm.
18. (Withdrawn) The tree trimmer according to claim 6 further comprising a first reel and a second reel, the first reel being positioned substantially adjacent to a first side of the

telescoping boom and the second reel being positioned substantially adjacent to a second side of the telescoping boom.

19. (Withdrawn) The tree trimmer according to claim 6 wherein the boom support comprises at least one reel including conduit, the conduit being operatively connected with a hydraulic power system and a hydraulic motor and wherein the hydraulic power system is integral with the means of transportation and the hydraulic motor is operatively connected with the cutting means.

20. (Withdrawn) The tree trimmer according to claim 18 further comprising at least one roller in connection with the conduit wherein the at least one roller is positioned above a plane formed by the top side.

21. (Withdrawn) A support comprising,

a top side adapted and arranged to receive a telescoping boom modified for trimming vegetation,

a bottom side,

a first lateral side,

a second lateral side,

a front end,

a rear end,

a first mounting piece in close proximity to the front end, the first mounting piece being adapted and arranged to connect with an arm, and

a second mounting piece in close proximity to the rear end, the second mounting piece being adapted and arranged to connect with the arm.

22. (Withdrawn) The support according to claim 21 wherein the first mounting piece and the second mounting piece are adapted and arranged to prevent relative pivotal movement between the telescoping boom and the arm.
23. (Withdrawn) The support according to claim 21 wherein the first mounting piece and the second mounting piece are adapted and arranged to prevent relative linear movement between the telescoping boom and the arm.
24. (Withdrawn) The support according to claim 21 further comprising a first reel and a second reel, wherein the first reel is positioned adjacent to the first lateral side and the second reel is positioned adjacent to the second lateral side.
25. (Withdrawn) The support according to claim 21 further comprising a first roller and a second roller, wherein the first roller and the second roller are located above a plane formed by the top side.
26. (Withdrawn) The support according to claim 21 further comprising at least one reel positioned adjacent to the support.
27. (Withdrawn) The support according to claim 21 further comprising at least one roller positioned above a plane formed by the bottom side.
28. (Amended) A tree trimming apparatus comprising,
a telescoping boom assembly detachably connected with a backhoe boom arm in
~~an arrangement which prevents linear relative movement between the arm and the~~
~~telescoping boom assembly,~~ and
cutting means mounted about a first end of the telescoping boom assembly.

29. (Withdrawn) The apparatus according to claim 28 wherein telescoping boom assembly is detachably connected with the arm in an arrangement which prevents relative pivotal movement between the arm and the telescoping boom assembly.

30. (Amended) The apparatus according to claim 28 wherein the telescoping boom assembly includes a telescoping boom, a telescoping boom receiving portion and ~~an arm~~ a backhoe boom receiving portion.

31. (Original) The apparatus according to claim 28 wherein the telescoping boom assembly is adapted and arranged to be powered by a power source and controlled by a set of controls that are integral with an existing means of transportation.

32. (Amended) The apparatus according to claim 30 wherein the backhoe boom arm receiving portion comprises a first mounting bracket adjacent to a front end of the backhoe boom ~~arm~~ receiving portion.

33. (Amended) The apparatus according to claim 32 wherein the backhoe boom arm receiving portion comprises a second mounting bracket adjacent to a rear end of the backhoe boom ~~arm~~ receiving portion.

34. (Original) The apparatus according to claim 33 wherein the telescoping boom assembly comprises a first reel and a second reel, wherein the first reel is positioned adjacent to a side of the telescoping boom assembly and the second reel is positioned adjacent to another side of the telescoping boom assembly.

35. (Original) The apparatus according to claim 34 wherein the telescoping boom assembly comprises a first roller and a second roller, wherein the first roller and the second roller are located above a substantially horizontal plane bisecting the first mounting bracket and the second mounting bracket.

36. (Original) The apparatus according to claim 28 wherein the telescoping boom assembly includes at least one reel positioned adjacent to the telescoping boom assembly.

37. (Original) The apparatus according to claim 36 wherein the telescoping boom assembly includes at least one roller positioned adjacent to the telescoping boom assembly and a conduit operatively extended between the at least one reel and the at least one roller.

38. (Withdrawn) Method of trimming vegetation comprising,
providing a means of transportation having an arm connected therewith,
detachably attaching a telescoping boom assembly having a cutting means mounted
about an end thereof to the arm such that the telescoping boom assembly and arm cannot
pivot linearly relative to one another,

imparting cutting motion to the cutting means,
extending the telescoping boom assembly, and
contacting the cutting means with vegetation to be cut.

39. (Withdrawn) The method according to claim 38 further comprising operating the
telescoping boom assembly by manipulating a set of controls integral with the means of
transportation.

40. (Withdrawn) The method according to claim 38 further comprising imparting
cutting motion to the cutting means by accessing a hydraulic power system integral with
the means of transportation.

41. (Withdrawn) The method according to claim 38 further comprising altering a
cutting angle of the cutting means by tilting the means of transportation by deploying at
least one outrigger integral with the means of transportation.

42. (Withdrawn) A method of converting an existing means of transportation into a tree trimming apparatus comprising,

providing the existing means of transportation wherein the existing means of transportation includes an integral hydraulic power system, an integral set of controls and an arm pivotally connected therewith,

providing a telescoping boom assembly having a cutting means mounted thereto,
and

detachably connecting the telescoping boom assembly to the arm.

43. (Withdrawn) The method according to claim 42 further comprising operatively connecting the hydraulic power system and the set of controls with the telescoping boom assembly and imparting boom extending and retracting movements and imparting cutting motion to the cutting means by manipulating the set of controls.

44. (Withdrawn) The method according to claim 42 wherein connecting the telescoping boom assembly to the arm comprises connecting the telescoping boom assembly to the arm such that the telescoping boom assembly and the arm cannot pivot linearly relative to one another.

45. (Withdrawn) The method according to claim 42 wherein connecting the telescoping boom assembly to the arm comprises connecting the telescoping boom assembly to the arm such that the telescoping boom assembly and the arm cannot pivot relative to one another.

46. (Withdrawn) The method according to claim 42 further comprising pivotally connecting the arm about a substantially horizontal axis on a swing frame and pivotally connecting the swing frame about a substantially vertical axis on the means of transportation.

47. (Withdrawn) The method according to claim 42 wherein detachably connecting the telescoping boom assembly to the arm comprises inserting a first fastening means through a first mounting piece of the telescoping boom assembly and a first connecting piece of the arm and inserting a second fastening means through a second mounting piece of the telescoping boom assembly and a second connecting piece of the arm.

48. (Amended) A tree trimming apparatus comprising,

an arm connected with a means of transportation selected from the ~~a~~ group consisting of a tractor, a backhoe, ~~and a backhoe loader and a material handling truck,~~ a telescoping boom assembly connected with the arm, and cutting means connected with the telescoping boom assembly.

49. (Withdrawn) The tree trimming apparatus according to claim 48 wherein the arm and means of transportation are adapted and arranged to prevent from about 200 degrees to about 360 degrees of rotation there between.

50. (Withdrawn) The tree trimming apparatus according to claim 48 wherein telescoping boom assembly is adapted and arranged to prevent relative movement between the telescoping boom assembly and the arm.

51. Canceled.

52. (Withdrawn) The tree trimming apparatus according to claim 48 wherein telescoping boom assembly is adapted and arranged to prevent pivoting between the telescoping boom assembly and the arm.

53. (Withdrawn) A method of trimming vegetation comprising,
providing the tree trimming apparatus according to claim 48,

operatively connecting a hydraulic power system integral with the means of transportation to the telescoping boom assembly,

selectively imparting cutting motion to the cutting means by manipulating one of a set of controls that are integral with the means of transportation, and contacting the cutting means with vegetation to be cut.

54. (Withdrawn) The method according to claim 54 further comprising selectively imparting boom retracting and boom extending movements to an inner boom member of the telescoping boom assembly by manipulating another one of the set of controls.

55. (New) The tree trimmer according to claim 1 wherein a bucket and a dipperstick of the backhoe boom have been removed from the backhoe boom.

56. (New) The tree trimmer according to claim 1 wherein the means of detachably connecting the telescoping boom with the backhoe boom includes a telescoping boom receiving portion and a backhoe boom receiving portion.

57. (New) The tree trimmer according to claim 1 wherein the telescoping boom is adapted and arranged to be powered by a power source and controlled by a set of controls that are integral with the means of transportation.

58. (New) The tree trimmer according to claim 56 wherein the backhoe boom receiving portion comprises a first mounting bracket adjacent to a front end of the backhoe boom receiving portion.

59. (New) The tree trimmer according to claim 58 wherein the backhoe boom receiving portion includes a second mounting bracket adjacent to a rear end of the backhoe boom receiving portion.

60. (New) The tree trimmer according to claim 59 further comprising a first reel and a second reel, wherein the first reel is positioned adjacent to a side of the telescoping boom and the second reel is positioned adjacent to another side of the telescoping boom.

61. (New) The tree trimmer according to claim 60 further comprising a first roller and a second roller, wherein the first roller and the second roller are located above a substantially horizontal plane bisecting the first mounting bracket and the second mounting bracket.

62. (New) The tree trimmer according to claim 1 wherein the telescoping boom includes at least one reel positioned adjacent to the telescoping boom.

63. (New) The tree trimmer according to claim 62 wherein the telescoping boom includes at least one roller positioned adjacent to the telescoping boom and a conduit operatively extended between the at least one reel and the at least one roller.

64. (New) The tree trimmer according to claim 1 wherein the means of transportation is selected from a group consisting of a backhoe and a backhoe loader.

65. (New) The apparatus according to claim 28 wherein a bucket and a dipperstick of the backhoe boom have been removed from the backhoe boom.

66. (New) The apparatus according to claim 28 wherein the backhoe boom is connected with a means of transportation selected from a group consisting of a backhoe and a backhoe loader.

67. (New) The apparatus according to claim 48 wherein a bucket and a dipperstick of the arm have been removed from the arm.

68. (New) The apparatus according to claim 48 wherein the telescoping boom assembly includes a telescoping boom receiving portion and an arm receiving portion.

69. (New) The apparatus according to claim 48 wherein the telescoping boom assembly is adapted and arranged to be powered by a power source and controlled by a set of controls that are integral with the means of transportation.

70. (New) The apparatus according to claim 68 wherein the arm receiving portion comprises a first mounting bracket adjacent to a front end of the arm receiving portion.

71. (New) The apparatus according to claim 70 wherein the arm receiving portion includes a second mounting bracket adjacent to a rear end of the arm receiving portion.

72. (New) The apparatus according to claim 71 further comprising a first reel and a second reel, wherein the first reel is positioned adjacent to a side of the telescoping boom assembly and the second reel is positioned adjacent to another side of the telescoping boom assembly.

73. (New) The apparatus according to claim 72 further comprising a first roller and a second roller, wherein the first roller and the second roller are located above a substantially horizontal plane bisecting the first mounting bracket and the second mounting bracket.

74. (New) The apparatus according to claim 48 wherein the telescoping boom assembly includes at least one reel positioned adjacent to the telescoping boom assembly.

75. (New) The apparatus according to claim 74 wherein the telescoping boom assembly includes at least one roller positioned adjacent to the telescoping boom assembly and a conduit operatively extended between the at least one reel and the at least one roller.